

Town of Weare
Finance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 20, 2011

This meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the BOS Room of the Town Office Building and was called to order by the Gregg Elwood at 7:02PM

Present were Jill Dagenais, Gregg Elwood (chairman), Neal Kurk, John Rauscher, Ike Shepard, Jeff Spring, and Mark Sullivan, Paul Marsh and Johnna Grzywacz. Visitor: Lee Marcroft

1. **Minutes:** Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Jeff seconded it. Everyone who had been in attendance were in favor.

2. **Finance Committee Ordinance:** The committee members discussed changes to the current ordinance that included revised dates/times and some wording to clarify meaning. At the next meeting we will review a document with those changes included and send out the document to be included as a warrant article.

3. **Fire Department Budget:** Ike gave highlights from the BOS meeting and shared that there was a 10% increase overall but a separate column was included to show those changes in the handout at the meeting. The largest element contributing to the change is that the chief salary is expected to be 12 months rather than a shorter period as was the case last year due to a vacancy.

4. **CIP (Capital Improvements Planning) subcommittee:** Paul is a member of the CIP subcommittee and was able to share information regarding the process and overall duties of the group. Several people asked questions and Paul agreed to get copies of the master plan and explained that any item over \$5k goes before the subcommittee and they ask questions and make recommendations to the Planning Board based on those answers.

5. **Schedules:** Gregg shared calendars of upcoming meetings/dates over the next couple of months to try and coordinate duties and when the information related to the different budgets should be shared with us.

6. **Budget Planning / School Board Meetings:** The SAU will be going over first passes of the school budgets on 11/9 and 11/15. The group also discussed which contracts will be coming up for negotiations. They are as follows:

- A. Other – Dunbarton’s contract with Goffstown is up for renewal (middle & high school) and SAU24 is looking into providing education services for those students.
- B. John Stark – Teachers & Support Staff
- C. Weare School – Teachers & Custodians
- D. Town – Police & Highway

7. **Spreadsheets:** Paul worked on a 10 year trend spreadsheet for the town. Gregg has had a similar one for the schools in the past and so they will work together and distribute to the group.

8. **Contacts:** Gregg distributed a list of contacts to the group for people to review and update with any new information.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 7PM.

The chairman adjourned the meeting was at 8:58PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Dagenais, Secretary